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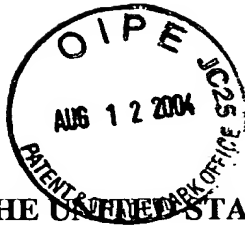
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Applicant(s): Hiroaki YUKAWA					
Invention: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE AND OPTICAL DISK DEVICE HAVING A DIFFRACTION GRATING (AS AMENDED)					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.